ROWH NOTES TAKEN FROM DOCHEV'S RESUME OF HIS ROLE IN BNF TO BRUNO

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DOCHEV was secretary of the Agrarian Party (Right-wing). The leftist group was formed from this party. Dochev left Sofia in September 1944 and went to Vienna. From Vienna to Saltzburg where he began printing the first newspaper/pamphlet to be published by Bulgarian refugees. Afterwards went to Canada. Alexander SANKOV (President of Agrarian Party?) now living in Paris. DOCHEV and a few others set up the executive committee of the BNF and one year later Dr. DIMITROV set up his front (leftist). Toncho TENEV was at one time a member of Dr. DIMITROV's front but left it several years ago. A Bulgarian refugee group in Paris set up a front but it lasted only a year. Another group in Germany set up a front but it did not last. There are three "Agrarian Groups"; Toncho TENEV's, DR. DIMITROV's and one other but DIMITROV is the only group with any sufficient backing.

If Bulgaria were suddenly freed from the Soviet yoke and popular elections were held the man who would be unanimously chosen president, or what have you would be Gincho GEENCHEV, who is now in prison.

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The/three members of the Presidium of the about-to-be-formed exile government will be STATEV, TENEV, NIKOLIEV, the latter located in Brasil.

In "old Bulgaria" STATEV was the leader of EMMITTEE wing of the National Liberal Party. CCRRESTION: An individual group not associated with any party. In these "old days" DOCHEV was merely a friend of STATEV's but after the war they got together with a common purpose in mind. STETEV was with the SANKOV exile government but then went to Italy to avoid being returned to Bulgaria. Then joined Bulgarian National Front.

A few Bulgarian refugees in New York (Including DASKALOV) wanted to recreate Bulgarian Mational Legian, but DOCHEV convinced them that they should not establish a political party but rather a front.

At a convention in Munich STATEV was elected along with Dimitur VULCHEV as the exile committee of the Bulgarian National Front. The King (in exile) was informed that the Bulgarian National Front was being set up and STATEV to be President; VULCHEV, Vice President, DOCHEV, secretary.

DOCHEV feels that if an exile government is officially established, then STATEV would give up his position as president of the BNF and hand it over to DOCHEV. STATEV would then step into the Presidium of the exile government

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